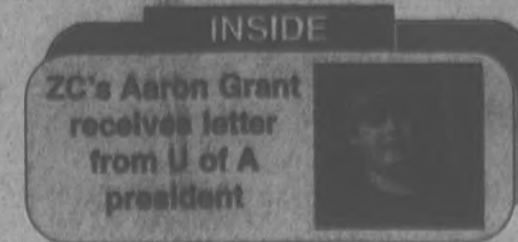
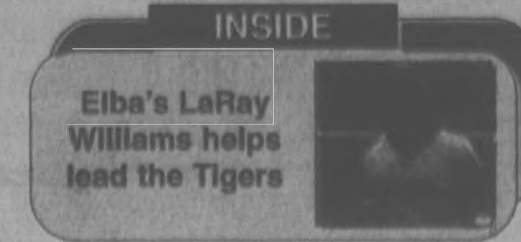


Kinley Parker celebrates sixth birthday



ZC's Aaron Grant receives letter from U of A president



Elba's LeRay Williams helps lead the Tigers

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Recent heavy rains help City of Elba officials locate and address potential problems with newly rehabilitated levee

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Recent heavy rains have given Elba city officials and employees a golden opportunity to fine tune flood preventive measures.

It is the first time since the major levee rehab that the flood control system has even come close to being subjected to a "stress" test. Gates and pumps are routinely cleaned and tested but these are not "real life" situations, only to be sure they are operating.

Elba Mayor James Grimes said this week there is no visible problem with the integrity of the new/improved Elba levee.

There are some minor equipment changes he, staff and other officials are recommending to make control of excessive rainfall easier and more efficient.

One of the first problems discovered was a glitch in closing an inside flood gate on a drainage pipe on the southern side of town. The outside flap gate had been jammed open by a log hung up inside the pipe.

When workers went to manually close the gate located on the inside of the levee they had to stand in an ever deepening pool of water to access the closing mechanism. This will be solved by extending the connecting rod

and closing wheel above the water level, as it was before the recent levee work. The platform above the gate valve will also be reinstalled, thus allowing workers to safely complete their work.

Grimes said the Corp. of Engineers has agreed to the city's recommendation that bars (like jail window bars) installed on all the drain pipes will prevent logs from entering the drain pipes and fouling the flap gates. These flap gates, when operating properly, are on the river side of the levee and are automatically closed tightly by rising water pressure. The higher the water, the greater the pressure and the tighter the flap gates are pressured shut.

City crews found that the four foot paving, which also serves as a walking trail atop the levee, is not wide enough for big trucks nor the trailer for the massive auxiliary generator to operate the Plant Avenue flood pumps.

When the ground is saturated with rain water wheels tear up the grass sod and potential problems of getting stuck exist. If Corp. funds are not available to expand this blacktop to eight feet, Mayor Grimes feels he has an alternate funding source.

He expects to do the same thing at the pump site behind the

old high school when that pump is actually installed. This work is expected within the coming weeks.

At least one of the drain pipes under the levee does not extend far enough on the river side to enable maintenance vehicles to travel the area. This prevented equipment from getting to the drain pipe with the log jammed into it. The Corp. has agreed this needs fixing and will extend the drain pipes away from the levee to solve this problem.

In a recap meeting following the rains, Mayor Grimes and city department supervisors agreed there needs to be a written plan on what and when various things need to be done, which employees need to be called out in various emergencies, etc. This information has previously been only in the head of experienced employees.

The mayor has expressed concern that he and/or others with the necessary experience might not always be available when these emergency measures need to be put into motion.

Grimes was obviously pleased when he noted that during all the recent bad weather the City of Elba electric service didn't suffer a single incident of power outage.

Local school systems announce kindergarten registration times

Both the Coffee County School System and the Elba City School System have announced the dates and times for kindergarten registration for the schools.

The Coffee County School System will hold registration first with separate dates listed for each of the three county schools.

The first will be New Brockton Elementary School on Tuesday, April 26, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Second will be Zion Chapel Elementary School on Wednesday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Finally, Kinston Elementary School will hold registration Thursday, April 28, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The county schools ask that parents bring their child to registration so he/she can participate in various screenings. Parents

also need to bring an original copy of the following: birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

The Elba School System will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The school system also asks that parents bring the child to registration, and bring an Alabama shot record, birth certificate and social security card.

An informal evaluation will be completed during the registration on each child. For any questions, call Elba Elementary School at 897-2814.

For both school systems, a child must be age 5 on or before Sept. 2, 2005 in order to enter kindergarten.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE...The DARE students at Kinston Schools participated in an interesting exercise last Thursday morning, March 31. DARE instructor Kent Reynolds set up an obstacle course for the students to try and drive the above golf cart through while wearing special DUI goggles. The goggles allow students to better understand the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The exercise will also be conducted at Zion Chapel and New Brockton.



ELBA ELEMENTARY PROMOTES NASCAR...The faculty and staff of Elba Elementary School has been working with students in grades 2-6 to help them prepare for the SAT (Stanford Achievement Tests) required each Spring. They used a NASCAR (Now All Scores Can Actually Rise!) theme to motivate students. As part of the NASCAR activities, elementary guidance counselor Lynn Baker decorated the wheelchair she has been confined to because of an injury as a race car.

Area Happenings

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME will hold meetings of the Elder Post Post-Stroke Support Group each Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CDM, CTPP at 334/897-2437, Ext. 297, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

A REUNION HAS BEEN PLANNED for the employees and spouses of the former Brockton "Pond of the Levee" factory. The reunion will be held Monday, April 9, from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Cottonmen's Association Building located on Hwy. 331 South in Troy. There will be a short program at 2:30.

THE 2005 ZION CHAPEL PAGEANTS, sponsored by Alpha International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will be held Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m. at the Zion Chapel auditorium. Pageant contestants will include Emma Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel.

THE ELBA CITY HALL will hold a book sale, April 11-15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Friday 9:00-5:00, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-3:00, Wednesday, Saturday 9:00-12:00.



NIGHT OF STARS...Those who attended the National Security Relay for Life team's "A Montage of Music" last Friday evening, April 1, were entertained by a variety of performances. One of the most enjoyed performances of the evening was that of superstar couple Tim and Faith, or better yet, Mickey and Liz Murdock portraying Tim McGraw and Faith Hill (shown above). The local couple performed to the superstar couple's hit "It's Your Love." This lip-synce performance got quite a few laughs with Mickey and Liz in full character, but the purpose of the evening was nothing to laugh about as the company's Relay for Life team presented the show as a fund raising event to benefit the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life allows the American Cancer Society to raise funds for cancer research to help bring advances in the fight against cancer. It is one of the largest community fund raising events in the world. The National Security Relay for Life team is one of many currently raising funds for the Coffee County Relay for Life event which will be held in mid-May. Like most Relay for Life teams, National Security holds a wide range of fundraising activities. All Relay for Life teams depend greatly on the support of the local community in order to be successful. Additional scenes from "A Montage of Music" are located on Page 8 in this week's paper.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting Mayor says police officers are not ticketing every motorist stopped

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole paid close attention to the police department's monthly report Monday evening, April 4, during the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council.

After assistant chief Dale Grimes presented the department's report, Cole said someone called him last week complaining that the New Brockton Police were ticketing everyone they stop for traffic violations. However, he said that simply was not the case.

During the month of March, Grimes said officers issued 30 speeding tickets, four tickets for no driver's license, four tickets for driving with a suspended driver's license, two tickets for an expired tag, two tickets for reckless driving and twelve tickets for no insurance.

Cole told council members he had spoken with Grimes prior to the meeting, and Grimes assured him that not every person stopped had been ticketed.

During the month of March, the department also issued 30 warning tickets for speeding and Grimes said there were numerous verbal warnings given. Neither of these type warnings result in a cost to the motorist.

Cole said most of the 30 pay tickets issued during the month were to offenders of more than 10-15 miles per hour over the speed limit.

Also during the month of March, the police department investigated three traffic accidents, two assaults, two burglaries, four thefts of property, two domestic violence acts, four harassing communications acts,

three harassments, two forgeries, four acts of criminal mischief, one public intoxication and made six arrests.

Also during the monthly meeting, Grimes presented the council with an ordinance for approval in regards to towing abandoned vehicles.

Grimes said Goodyear Towing of Enterprise had agreed to be the town's source for this ordinance. The town will get a portion of the towing fee and half of the storage fee if the ordinance is approved.

Council members seemed ready to approve the ordinance Monday evening, but town clerk Annette Williams suggested for legal reasons the council wait until the May meeting.

Recreation board member Jody Stuckey reported to council members regarding the youth baseball and softball seasons. Stuckey said games have already begun for the season. He said the recreation department has 12 teams and about 130 players from ages 5-14 participating this year.

Council members were told that the street department has been working to clean ditches recently. The department is trying to take care of any drainage problems.

The street superintendent said the recent heavy rains damaged some of the town's dirt roads, and he thanked the county highway department for hauling in dirt so the town could get the roads passable again.

Jeffery White announced that the planning commission has decided to appoint a downtown revitalization committee. White said the committee is going to be made mostly of downtown merchants; however, anyone interested in serving with the committee is welcome to do so.

Mayor Cole said the housing rehab project is progressing well. He said only four people have come forward with their matching funds for the project, but several residents have applied for loans and have been approved.

REMINDER

Chapter Six of "The Assignment" is featured on Page 3 in this week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

We got caught napping with our recent comments encouraging all our readers to have a proper, written living will. Our daughter pointed out it doesn't do a lot of good to have those things if no family members are aware of what is in them or even where to start looking for the elusive document. She is so right and both Hedy and yours truly are making amends to get things right in that department. Right now ours (the original and a copy) are stuck in a dresser drawer - or somewhere. In other words they are put up so well that we probably can't find them until hunting for something else months later.

Pope John Paul II, the head of the Roman Catholic Church has died. It came as no surprise, as his health has been declining for some time. He served 25 years as Pope in a time when church membership and attendance were continually dropping all around the world, including in the Catholic Church. Yet this man gained great respect all around the world from Catholics and those of other religions beliefs alike. He obviously lived the life he preached.

Also dying this last week was Howell Heflin, former U.S. Senator and Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. The words of tribute from public officials which poured into his office immediately following his death are an indication of how highly respected the man was. He first distinguished himself in WWII, serving with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific. He was twice wounded and was awarded a Silver Star. Our personal affection for Judge Heflin include the enjoyment of sitting and listening to him and the late Judge Eris Paul tell those great and often humorous stories gleaned from years of courtroom experience. Neither ever ran out of interesting and fresh antidotes. While he became senator after his judgeship, it was always "Judge" if he was in Alabama, in Washington or wherever. Our very last deal with Senator Heflin was on his final day before retiring from the U.S. Senate. The phone call from his office was wrapping up some loose ends in his continuing effort to get Elba's now completed levee rehab project funded.

To walk around the debris from the knocked down Jr High wing of the old school can spark life into someone who sees pure gold in those old brick from the walls or the nice solid timbers in the roof. While city officials have declined to officially give official permission for people to salvage those materials, (liability reasons we doubt they are concerned if someone does recycle any of the goodies. It would upset us immensely to think our city fathers would rather haul good stuff to the landfill rather than let citizens get good use from what is still very usable materials.

Only a couple of people have publically admitted to forgetting to reset their clocks Saturday night to comply with the annual change to Daylight Savings Time. Some join us in grumbling but each still makes the change, even if some are late to Church.

When the Base Realign and Closure (BRAC) commission announces its final recommendations later this year, Southeast Alabama will be paying attention. The "2005 BRAC round" will spell closure or downsizing for some military installations across the country while benefiting others through the Wiregrass and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery are well-positioned to emerge unscathed.

While the members of the 2005 BRAC commission were just appointed last month, it is already known that their scrutiny of military bases will include military value, ability to accept new missions and availability of land and airspace for expansion, cost of operation, local and community support, as well as the economic and environmental impact of a base's closing.

Attorney General Troy King warns of fraud

Attorney General Troy King today urged Alabamians to be cautious with their financial support for victims of the recent South Asia tsunami disaster. "Alabamians are a compassionate and generous people. As always, they are rising to the occasion in this time of tragedy and need," said Attorney General King. "Sadly, times such as these also attract those who will scam and scheme to steal these funds. Our people should give. They should be compassionate. But they should also be cautious. Any dollar they allow to be stolen is a dollar diverted from its destination, it is relief that will not arrive, and it is pain that will not be alleviated."

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 28, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one natural death, two harassing communications, one driving under the influence of a controlled substance, one burglary, one missing person, two for domestic violence, one assault, one cat bite, two for harassment, one lost property and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for criminal trespassing, one for driving under the influence of a controlled substance, one for domestic violence and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance, one for speeding, one for an expired tag and one for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAR. 28 - River stage - 23.59 feet (6:16 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MAR. 29 - River stage - 18.85 feet (7:36 a.m.); MS SUPPORT GROUP will Monday, April 11th and the 2nd Monday of every month.

Meetings are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the library of Wesley Manor Retirement Center, 718 Honeyuckle Rd., Dothan, 3630. For more information contact: Beth at 334-693-2321 or Sherree at (800) 344-4867.

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 430 Plant Ave. (2:55 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of a trailer fire on County Rd. 210 (10:12 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 30 - River stage - 16.87 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched next door to 315 Calhoun St. (12:53 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at the Elba Villas, Apt. 2 (7:36 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 31 - River stage - 18.65 feet (12:23 p.m.); River stage - 19.24 feet (5:07 p.m.); River stage - 19.64 feet (11:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 1 - River stage - 21.42 feet (7:50 a.m.); River stage - 24.59 feet (1:30 p.m.); River stage - 24.38 feet (4:45 p.m.); Burglary reported at Powell Trailer Court, Lot 7. (8:45 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Pine Cove Dr. (9:17 p.m.); Fight in progress (subject with gun) reported at Powell Trailer Court, Lot 12 (10:32 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Powell Trailer Court, Lot 12 (10:43 p.m.); River stage - 24.19 feet (11:13 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APR. 2 - River stage - 23.00 feet (8:11 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at 514 Smith Ave. (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 514 Smith Ave. (10:56 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:18 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 3 - River stage - 19.64 feet (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 667 Reynolds Ave. (10:46 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 1530 Powell Circle, Lot 7. (11:00 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (5:07 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 978 Stouemire St. (5:24 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 978 Stouemire St. (5:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Adams St. (5:33 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

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• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE** 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton 40 Farm Center Complex 804-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 1 p.m. Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m., Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW TEENS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Editorial By Congressman Terry Everett

Alabama awaits military base closure review

Southeast Alabama's military bases are long-established institutions vital to our national defense. Fort Rucker is the home of U.S. Army Aviation and the place where Army and Air Force helicopter pilots learn to fly. Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base is the home to the Air University which educates Air Force officers, and the Operations and Sustainment Systems Group (OSSG) which is the Air Force's computer software support center.

The influence of Fort Rucker and Maxwell-Gunter on central and southeast Alabama extends far beyond classrooms, military runways or trainer aircraft. Together, they have an annual economic impact of over \$2 billion and provide some 20,000 jobs. Their loss would be catastrophic to the state. To meet the modernization needs of both, I have secured over \$450 million in improvements and mission enhancements since taking office in 1993. Today, Fort Rucker and Maxwell-Gunter stand as first class facilities with room to grow.

In 2004, I secured Federal approval to allow Maxwell and the City of Montgomery to swap land to enable base expansion and also facilitate city housing development - an effort that took over a decade. In November, I attended a groundbreaking for Gunter's new OSSG building, and in March, I helped dedicate the mammoth new aircraft hangers at Maxwell's 908th Air Force Reserve C-130 unit.

In the Wiregrass, over 300 World War II-era wooden buildings were torn down at Fort Rucker since I came to Congress. In their place, modern, state-of-the-art brick and

mortar facilities now rise above the Army post. What's more, almost 1,000 acres equipped with utilities are now ready for new mission growth.

Recently, I announced the culmination of an effort I am particularly proud of - the Army's decision to privatize some 1,500 housing units at Fort Rucker. I worked with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to allow the Army to enter into private partnerships to upgrade and expand military family housing on America's military bases using private funding and saving taxpayers millions. Consulting with Fort Rucker officials, I supported legislation in Congress to allow funding for the program to go forward. As a result, Fort Rucker's aging housing will soon begin the transformation into modern

and be concerned if there is any hesitation in the answer.

4. Say no to high pressure appeals, especially those attempting to hurry you into making a contribution. For more detailed guidelines and information, Attorney General King suggests logging on to www.give.org, the website of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

3. Ask questions about how your contribution will be used

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Note of Thanks
The family of Waylon Adkinson wishes to express their gratitude to everyone for the many acts of love and concern extended to us during Waylon's illness and death.

You warmed our hearts and humbled us with all the beautiful cards, food, flowers, phone calls and other acts of kindness.

We would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to all our friends, relatives, and neighbors for all their acts of kindness during the death of our loved one.

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National Security's Relay for Life team plans Poker Run

The National Security Group's Relay for Life Team will sponsor a "Ride to Live - Live to Ride" Poker Run on Saturday, April 16. The ride will begin from the National Security Insurance office parking lot at 9 a.m. There will be a \$10 entry fee per rider with a \$50 cash prize for the rider with the best poker hand.

THE ASSIGNMENT
CHAPTER SIX
by Linda M. Hodge

The hours were flying by as Jess worked frantically to complete her report. She was pilgrimage through everything in the chest again hoping to include as much information as possible. She wanted everything to be right. Her mom deserved that.

Jess heard her dad making his way up the stairs. He had been a great help during the whole ordeal.

"How's it going?" he asked.

"Pretty good. I just don't want to leave anything out."

Jess decided the assignment had been just as good for her dad as it had been for her. He seemed to really enjoy reminding her. He was again able to talk about a time in his life that some how seemed off limits until now.

"I do have one question," Jess said.

"Lay it on me."

"Why do think it was so important for Mom to do all this? I know she wanted to remain a part of our lives, but there had to be more to it. She really put a lot of time and effort into this, and I get the feeling she was trying to tell me something more. Do you know what it could be?"

Jess was ready to put the items back into the chest when she noticed something at the bottom of the container. It was a notebook containing various personal thoughts and ideas from her mom. Mostly, it was filled with desires her mother had hoped to be able to fulfill. She wanted to be with her daughter on her first day of school, watch her perform in dance recitals, be there for her the first time a boy broke her heart, take too many pictures at her high school graduation, cry at her wedding, and so on. There were so many things she wished she could say to Jess as she grew older. So many things she wished she could watch her do.

Jess decided this particular notebook wasn't intended necessarily for her, but she was glad she found it. Jess now could see how painful it must have been for her mother knowing she was not going to be an actual part of all those many events. It was a reality she had to face, like it or not.

Jess was about to close the notebook when an envelope fell out the back. It was addressed to Jess and dated on the eve of her mother's death. Jess decided this must have been the last thing her mother worked on before her death.

She opened the envelope only to find a letter from her mother. Jess got butterflies in her stomach as she began to read. Nothing she had experienced in the past week compared to the emotion she felt at that very moment. Jess realized she had found that "something" she was missing. Now, she could complete the assignment without any doubts.

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Next: CHAPTER SEVEN
reveals the Contents of the Letter



Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

The ocean liner glided westward through the calm ocean. Lawrence Beesley gazed back from the deck at the lush mountains growing smaller and smaller on the horizon. It was Friday evening, April 12, 1912 and the recent Cambridge graduate was excited to be taking his first ocean voyage. In a few days, he would be in New York. From there, he planned to travel to Boston to visit friends. It would be a glorious experience.

The world's largest ship moved gracefully across the glassy sea, and Lawrence realized how lucky he was to be part of its maiden voyage. As they crossed the Atlantic Ocean, moving ever closer to the New World, Lawrence spent time in the library writing letters to old friends, walking the decks in the brisk spring air and making new friends.

Sunday dawned clear and crisp; while the ocean was calm and smooth. During the afternoon, Lawrence visited the library. He noted the ship's log showed they had traveled 1,408 miles since Thursday and expected to arrive in New York City on Tuesday night.

Among his new friends was a Church of England clergyman, Reverend Mr. Carter, with whom he had spent many an enjoyable hour discussing the merits of their respective universities, Oxford and Cambridge. His new friend was also in the library, and he mentioned his disappointment at the lack of a Sunday evening religious service. Would Lawrence ask the purser, with whom he was acquainted, if Carter might lead an evening service in the saloon? Lawrence was pleased to accommodate him, and the purser quickly obliged, making the necessary arrangements.

After dinner, Lawrence and approximately one hundred other passengers joined Mr. Carter in the saloon, where they sang hymns until about ten o'clock. Afterwards, Lawrence and the Carters chatted over a cup of coffee, then Lawrence retired to his cabin.

At a quarter past eleven, Lawrence climbed into his bunk, deciding to read for a little while before

turning off the light. He noticed the ship's vibration increased, and assumed they were traveling faster.

A little less than half an hour later, the noise and vibration suddenly stopped. He didn't know it, but the liner on which Lawrence felt so fortunate to be traveling, the Titanic, had just struck an iceberg. Like a knife through butter, the ice opened a gash along the starboard side of the now doomed liner. Several decks below Lawrence's cabin, as the ship's side peeled open, a wall of water roared into the engine room as the stokers desperately tried to escape. It was 11:40 PM on April 14, 1912. Less than three hours later, the Titanic began its final voyage: more than two miles to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Lawrence Beesley was one of 705 survivors plucked from the sea by the Carpathia, the first rescue vessel to arrive in the area. Another 1,503 people weren't so lucky. They died. Find out more about the Titanic, its builders, passengers, and the hubris that led to its sinking. Take the Web Journey.

Next Week: A Legendary American Outlaw.

THE LOSS OF THE S.S. TITANIC: Its Story and Its Lessons
Written by Lawrence Beesley, this book was published in 1912. As is stated in the preface, the American publisher Houghton Mifflin approached him to write the book, and he felt: "It would probably be a wise thing to write a history of the Titanic disaster as correctly as possible."

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/0zdyh>

Marconi Calling
The sinking of the Titanic offered a remarkable demonstration of how wireless communications could help save lives. This resource includes an exhibition that tells the story of the Titanic through the telegrams sent and received by its crew and passengers.

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The Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco
This resource includes newspaper articles published in San Francisco about the Titanic disaster. It begins with an article about Dr. Washington Dodge, the city assessor, who was a passenger on the ship. Neither his name, nor the names of his family members who accompanied him, were listed on the original list of survivors.

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Obituaries

KATIE LOUISE KELLEY
Mrs. Katie Louise Kelley, age 35, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, March 28, 2005 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held March 31, 2005 at the Elba Church of God with Rev. Ron Stallard officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her mother: Mary Lou (Pouncey) Kelley, Elba; her father: Robert M. Kelley, Winter Garden, Fla.; one sister: Shirley Ann Watson, Elba; four brothers: Curtis Pouncey, Ervin Pouncey and Joel Kelley, all of Elba, and Randall Pouncey, Jack, Ala.

DARSEY LAMAR BASS
Mr. Darsey "Sam" Lamar Bass, age 80, a native of Elba, Ala., died March 1, 2005 at his home in Naples, Fla.

He had been retired from service of World War II. He became chief of police of Naples from 1967-1969. He retired from the Sheriff's Department. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason.

Funeral services were held March 5, 2005 at Memorial Funeral Home of Naples. Burial followed the service.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Bass; three sons: Linda Ewing, Rand Bass, Terry Bass, all of Naples; one sister: Laura Crosby, Dothan, Ala.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE ANN WEEKS
Mrs. Charlotte Ann Weeks, age 66, of New Brockton, Ala., died Sunday, April 3, 2005 in the Southeast Alabama Medical center.

Services were held

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Wednesday from El Bethel Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Taylor officiating. Burial followed at the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Weeks was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Baker Lunsford.

Survivors include her husband: J.L. Weeks of New Brockton; two sons: Kevin (Angie) Weeks of Enterprise, Ala.; Kyle (Teresa) Weeks of Lafayette, La.; three brothers: Jimmy (Joy) Baker of Montgomery, Ala.; Ronnie Baker of Enterprise; and Keith (Laura) Baker of New Brockton; and five grandchildren.

MARGUERITE "TOTSIE" RHODES

Miss Marguerite "Totsie" Rhodes of Columbus, Ga., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Monday, April 5, 2005 in Columbus.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, April 7, 2005 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Ms. Rhodes was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas T. and Willie L. Rhodes.

Survivors include one sister: Jean Rhodes (husband, Bill) McDonald, Columbus, Ga.; one nephew, one niece and a host of other relatives.

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The spies, ca. 1942. Courtesy of WBRU Radio.

On April 5, 1951, Judge Irving Kaufman sentenced this husband and wife to death. Accused of selling information about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union, a jury had found them guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage on March 29. For two years, the couple's lawyers worked feverishly to have their sentences commuted to life in prison. Even the Pope appealed for clemency, but their execution occurred on June 19, 1953. Who were they? Do you need to find the answer, or want more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/3nur4>

ALABAMA FAST FACT

On April 14, 1955, one hundred and two German scientists and their families gathered at Huntsville High School. All had worked on the German rocket program during World War II. After the war, the American government recruited them to move to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville to develop an American space program. Led by Dr. Werner von Braun, they all became American citizens that day in Huntsville. Find out more about our early space program at <http://tinyurl.com/3v7ht>

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter - Pastor Elba United Methodist Church

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and was given three months to live. As she began getting her things "in order," she called her pastor and asked him to come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she wanted read, and what dress she wanted to be buried in. She also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible in her left hand. Everything was in order and as the pastor was preparing to leave, the woman suddenly remembered a final request that was important to her. "Please, Pastor, just one more thing," she said excitedly. "Sure, what is it?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important to me," the woman continued. "I want to be buried holding a fork in my right hand." The pastor gazed at the woman with a look of wonder. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. The pastor replied, "Well to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request."

The woman explained, "You see, Pastor, in all my years of attending church socials and pot luck dinners, I remember that when the dishes were cleared after the main course, someone would inevitably lean over to me and say, 'Keep your fork'... it was my favorite part because I knew something better was coming, like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance to end the great meal."

The pastor listened and a smile came upon his face. The woman continued, "So, I just want people to see me there in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder... 'What's with the fork?'... then I want you to tell them: Keep your fork... the best is yet to come."

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman good-bye. He knew that this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. At the funeral, everyone walked by the woman's casket, saw her with a fork in her right hand. The pastor told the people about the conversation that he had with the woman shortly before she died. He explained the fork and what it symbolized to her. That fork and the meaning of it had quite an impact on everyone.

May the Easter celebration remind each of us that the best is yet to come. Blessings to all of you in the name of Jesus our resurrected Savior.

Please continue to pray for our military people, their families, and for world peace.

Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

Calvary Baptist Church, Hwy. 189 North will host a singing Saturday night, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. Featured singers will be the Baptist Church Singers of Brantley. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us.

Jeremiah Castile to be guest speaker at Abundant Life Church

Abundant Life Church of Samson, Ala. will be hosting the guest speaker Jeremiah Castile on Sunday, April 10, 2005 at 10:30. Jeremiah played for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, University of Alabama, from 1979-1982. He played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1983-1986, Denver Broncos 1987-1988 and played in the Super Bowl XXII in 1988 with Denver Broncos. He is now the Director of Jeremiah Castile Ministries, founded in 2001.

Mercy's Way & Danny Funderburk to be in Concert at Country Cathedral

Danny Funderburk and Mercy's Way will be in concert Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Country Cathedral Assembly of God in Opp, Ala. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy. 84 about 5 miles East of Opp, Ala. Everyone is invited. A love offering will be received. For more information call 334-493-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church to hold revival services

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church will have Revival Services beginning Sunday, April 10, at 5 p.m. with Bro. Earl Smith serving as the speaker. The Revival will continue Monday through Wednesday evenings, April 11-13, at 7 p.m. nightly with Bro. Ray Stinson serving as the speaker. There will be special singing each night.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Worship at the Church this Sunday!



THE GENERAL EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER CHAPTER OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY recently shipped comfort supplies to an Elba National Guard unit stationed in Iraq. Shown is member Harriette P. Matthews and her daughter Anna Cait packing three boxes for shipping. The Rucker chapter represents Coffee County. An important mission of the UDC is caring for soldiers and veterans in addition to its educational, historical, patriotic, memorial and benevolent activities.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 8:1-16
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Willis Bruton, Alan Belcher, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Lizzie Tyson, Corine Wilkerson; Rev. Freddie Flowers, Mary E. Holley, Rona Love
***FREEDOM THROUGH DELIVERANCE: Annual Women's Conference, April 16, at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, Damascus Highway. Inspirational teaching and ministry by three dynamic speakers: Rev. Dr. Godwin Minister Helen Wagstaff, Mrs. Angela Seals, Missionary Miriam Goosby. Registration begins 8:30 a.m.; Preregistration - 9 a.m. Registration Fee - \$10 donation per person. For more information contact Pat Johnson - 894-0078; Ann Scott - 347-7392; Pleasant Shade Baptist Church - 334/347-5197

Elba's own Capt. Kyle W. DuBose returns from over seas

Army Reserve Capt. Kyle W. DuBose has returned to the U.S. from an overseas forward-deployed location where the soldier participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Active duty and reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in South and Southwest Asia, the Arabian peninsula, islands in the Pacific, and Europe.

Dubose is a graduate of Elba High School, Ala., and received a bachelor's degree in 1997 from Auburn University, Ala.

Former S. Conference WMS President, DuBose will speak for Missionary Day at Johns Chapel AME Church.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of Johns Chapel AME Church will celebrate their Annual Missionary Day on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. at the church, 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Bernella Knight Rose, immediate past president of the South Alabama Conference WMS. Mrs. Rose currently serves as Treasurer of the Episcopal District Lay Organization, Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors of the South Alabama Conference AME Church Center, and First Vice-President of the South Alabama Conference Lay Organization, as well as in other capacities. The public is invited. For more information, please call Geraldine Sanders, Program Chairperson, at 334-393-0722 or Marge Simmons, at 334-393-3827.

Helping Kinley celebrate her birthday were many friends and family including Donna, Josh and Sarah Bryson Prescott; Jalyn Ellison; Taylor Morgan; Chris, Andrea, Brittany, Aaron and Ethan Barrow; Hanna Whitman, Kirsten Jones; Summer Jinright; Adrian Jinright; Tabitha and Emily; Patrick Sanders; Jennifer and Angel Flowers; Annalee Padgett and friend from Atlanta, Ga.; Carson Nelson; Grandmama and PawPaw Black; Pam and Jessica Flowers; Aunt Donna Rugg; Wyndi Cotton; Nana Parker; Aunt Donna, Uncle Derek and cousin Anna Thornd from Jacksonville, Fla.; and Amy Jackson.

There will be a Gospel Sing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 10. Featured singers will be "Old Southern" Gospel Group. Everyone welcome.

LIFESTYLES

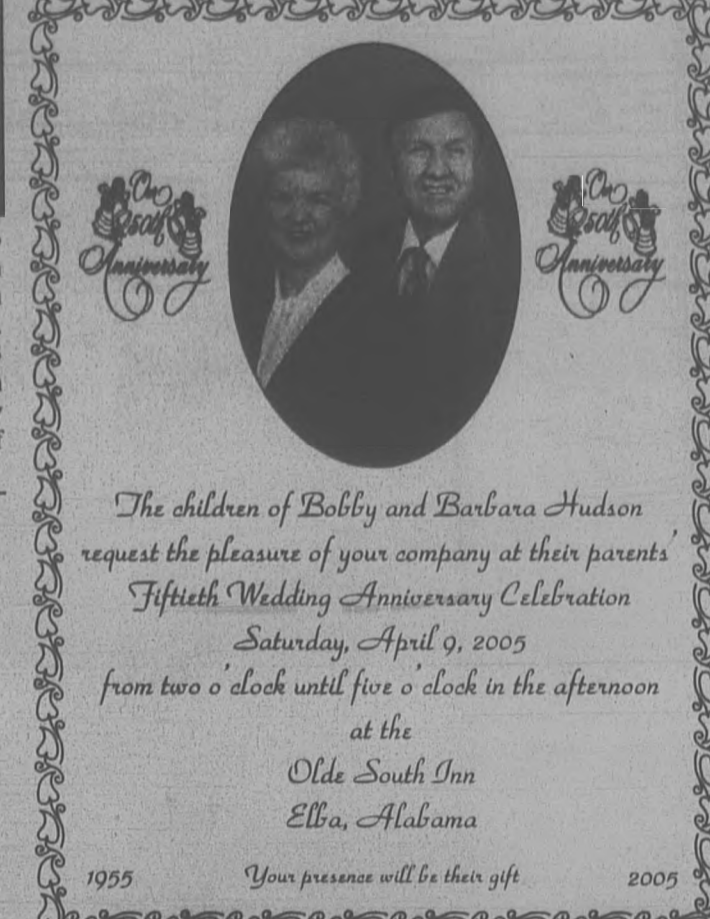
ROWA meeting set for April 12th

The Retired Officers' Wives Auxiliary will meet for Brunch at 10:30 A.M. on April 12, 2005 at the Aviator's Landing. All wives and widows of retired officers are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required to be made prior to noon on Friday prior to the Brunch on Tuesday by calling one of the following: Reservations chair-

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THIS YEAR, GIRL SCOUT TROOP #300 was on a mission to sale as many cookies as possible for the Girl Scout Tea. With an incentive from troop leader, JoAnn Cannon, the troop sold an impressive 3,500 boxes of cookies, more than any other year before. The top sellers for this year were Allison Brunson (left) with 493 boxes and Talleigh (right) with 310 boxes. Each girl put forth her best effort to make the tea as beautiful as possible this year by selling cookies, but these two girl scouts went beyond the call of duty and are commended for their effort.

Don't Forget to Support Elba High School BAND DAY April 30th

Kinley Parker celebrates 6th birthday

Kinley Parker celebrated her sixth birthday (Feb. 18th) with a "Glamour Girl" party Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Elba Skating Rink.

Kinley is the daughter of Michael and Britney Parker. She is the granddaughter of Wanda and Paula Black and John and Mickey Parker. Her great-grandparents are Joe and Shirley Bagwell and Wayne Rugg, all of Jack, Ala.

Helping Kinley celebrate her birthday were many friends and family including Donna, Josh and Sarah Bryson Prescott; Jalyn Ellison; Taylor Morgan; Chris, Andrea, Brittany, Aaron and Ethan Barrow; Hanna Whitman, Kirsten Jones; Summer Jinright; Adrian Jinright; Tabitha and Emily; Patrick Sanders; Jennifer and Angel Flowers; Annalee Padgett and friend from Atlanta, Ga.; Carson Nelson; Grandmama and PawPaw Black; Pam and Jessica Flowers; Aunt Donna Rugg; Wyndi Cotton; Nana Parker; Aunt Donna, Uncle Derek and cousin Anna Thornd from Jacksonville, Fla.; and Amy Jackson.

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Don't miss the CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 7

Registration — 3 p.m.
Entertainment — 5 p.m.
Business Session — 7 p.m.

CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1995 Dodge Dakota extended cab truck, to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2005 CEC Annual Meeting on April 7. Other major prizes include a 27-inch flatscreen TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$150 cash.

Master Sgt. Rick Maddux selected First Sergeant of the Year.

Air Force Master Sgt. Rick B. Maddux was selected as the First Sergeant of the Year, Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

The sergeant is currently assigned to the 729th Air Mobility Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. He has 20 years of military service.

He is the son of James A. Maddux of Elba, Ala., and Lennie Agnes Maddux of Talladega, Ala.

Maddux graduated in 1984 from Elba High School, and received a bachelor's degree in the year 2000 from the University of Maryland.

Weed School Reunion set for last Saturday in April

The Weed School Reunion will be held on the last Saturday of April 2005 at the Fellowship Hall at Weed Baptist Church on the Old Three Notch Road, Brantley, Ala.

Registration begins at 10:30 o'clock, lunch will be served at 12 o'clock, and all serving utensils will be furnished. Bring your spouse and a covered dish. The meat will be furnished. Please bring all of your old pictures, your old report cards, or any old mementos of Weed School.

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Coffee County Schools Menu April 11-15, 2005

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Sausage Biscuit w/ Gravy, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Meat Loaf, Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Turkey Roast w/ Gravy, Burrito, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Bagels, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Ham Sandwich, Hashbrowns, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Dill Spears, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Potat. Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Cheese Burger, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Peanut Butter Bar, Fruit, Milk

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting... Wed. 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	EKON BAPTIST CHURCH Beverly Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:15 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll - Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST The Grunwell, Minister Bible Study... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST-EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Copes, Pastor Sunday School... 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROSPERITY Rev. David Tadlock Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.
BLUITY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Bredt Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.
CHRISTY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Marthie Baxter Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	HERKOB BAPTIST CHURCH Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. B. Hill, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wayley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mari Gray, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Lead and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.	INO BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.	Sunday Morn. Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
Faith Chapel Community Church Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Heron & Linda Williams, Pastors Sunday... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:30 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Leland Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 11:00 a.m.
FRINDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Ray Stinson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:15 p.m.	LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.	NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ENTERPRISE S. E. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Nehemiah Fleming, Pastor 2nd & 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseer - Rev. Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hatcher, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.	NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Ron McKee, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Halie Bradley, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles E. Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.	PRIME & GLOBE WORSHIP CENTER Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.	NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Delmonico - Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.	RIVER OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER Rev. Lamar Dean Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Bredt Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Dee Dye, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. B. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 11:30 a.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Roger Lee, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.
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Co-Op Spotlight

by Rebecca English



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is the senior's very own Lance Suley. Lance Suley is the son of Larry Suley and Lisa Nelson. He works with Kevin Hays Concrete.

After Lance graduates, he plans to attend Enterprise Ozark Community College and receive a degree in avionics. His hobbies include "hanging" with friends and fishing.

His friends think of him as fun to be around, a good guy, and full of class pride. As we've all heard Lance say, "05 'till I die!"

Elba's varsity baseball season in full swing

by Stephanie Corder

As of March 30, 2005 the Elba Tigers are 7-7 overall and 2-1 in Area.

"The guys are working hard and as long as we do that things will get better," said Head Coach Wynn Grimes. "We must improve our hitting and defense in order to make a run at the playoffs. We've got five area games left and it would be real nice to win them all."

Congratulations to your hard work and good luck on the rest of the season.

Junior high baseball team enjoyed productive season

by Stephanie Corder

The Junior Varsity Baseball team enjoyed a productive season with great improvements from start to finish.

The team will truly miss the two freshman Don Rhoades and Bobby Hudson.

"We look forward to next season with six 7th graders and five 8th graders returning," said Coach Scott Rials. Congratulations to the JV team on their improving season.

Did You Know?

by Gale Olson

Did you know the most popular given names of 2004 for boys are Aiden, Ethan, Kaden, Caleb and Dylan?

The most popular given names for girls in 2004 are Madison, Emma, Abigail, Riley, and Bailey.

Tiger Tales

Editors: Casey Medlock & Kayla Kelley

EHS Student Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley

This week's Student Spotlight is Duke Carr.

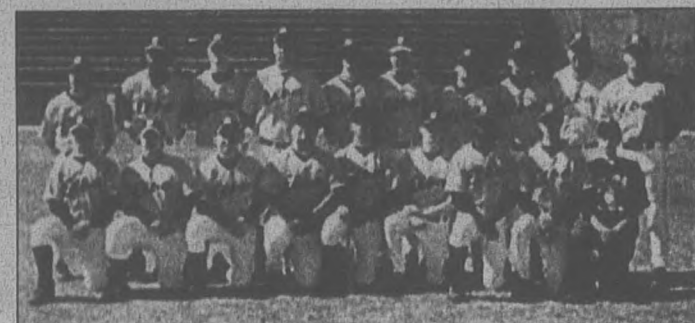
Duke is the 17-year-old son of Janette Carr. This junior is very involved at Elba High School. Duke is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta Student, Government Association, Journalism Staff, Ambassador and Social Studies Team. He is also an EHS Varsity basketball player.

In his spare time, Duke enjoys hanging with his friends, listening to music, playing basketball, and just being the Dukester.

Duke's future plans are to attend either the University of Alabama or The University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in sports journalism.

As described by his friends, Duke is funny, outgoing, and unusual, but in a good way. Congratulations, Duke, for being this week's Student Spotlight!

Duke Carr



EHS VARSITY BASEBALL (back row, l to r): Coach Greg Hanchev, Larry Williams, Clark Skinner, Adam Spicer, Jacob Forbes, Chase W. Boutwell, Chase E. Boutwell, Joseph Platt, Coach Wynn Grimes, Coach Jodi Wise, (front row, l to r): Ryan Gibbs, Brad Sullivan, Ryan McCollough, Clint Bradshaw, Aaron Harrelson, Marquez Tyson, Stephen Driggers, and Alan Willis.



EHS JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL...From left to right (back row): Andrew Head, Bradley Wilson, Bobby Hudson, Justin McLaughlin, Justin Mallory, Kyle Pope, and Coach Scott Rials. (Front row, l to r): Dylan McCollough, Brock Lambert, Don Rhoades, Cody Sasser, Kevin Allen, Devin Jackson, and Donta Reynolds.

Upcoming Events at E.E.S.

April 4-15 - SAT Testing
April 18 - School Holiday
April 19 - Teacher Inservice
April 26 - Grandparents Day
May 5-6 - Kindergarten Registration



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PIC OF WEEK (by Tori Brooks)...Firefighter Foushee

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We are looking for handcrafted items to be auctioned for the band on **Band Day**, April 30th.

If you can paint, quilt, sew, crochet, do stained glass, woodwork, upholstery or etc. and would like to help the band, please call Vickie Bailey at 897-3320.

Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders chosen

by Brittney Clark

On Thursday, March 17, Varsity Cheerleader tryouts were held for Elba High School.

The team is sponsored by Susan Barnes. The 2005 Varsity Cheerleading Squad consists of six returning girls and three new members.

On Friday, February 25, Junior Varsity Cheerleader tryouts were held.

This team is sponsored by Lisa Rials.

The 2005 JV Cheerleading Squad is being led by the seven returning members. The three new members are making a great addition to this squad.



The 2005-2006 Varsity Cheerleaders are: (front to back) Tori Brooks, Shawnda Whitfield, Kendall Stinson, Whitney Anderson, Haley Stinson, Christina Bryant, Melanie Mularz, Lauren McClung and Megan Anderson. Not pictured, Leanna Henderson.



The 2005-2006 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are: (picture on left - front to back) Gabby Pope, Meredith Brunson, April Finedore, Maizie Thomas, Kayla Rials, Kynu Coleman, Ashley Bailey and Cortlin Lee. Picture on right: Cortnee Driggers and Molly McGuire.

Varsity and junior varsity softball teams continue seasons

by Duke Carr

After making an impressive run in last year's season, the Elba Lady Tigers entered the season with high hopes.

With a dominating pitcher and a core of young, talented ladies, the Lady Tigers seemed destined for great things. Well, looks can be deceiving.

The Lady Tigers faced the task of replacing seven starters from last year's team. That is no easy task. However, the Lady Tigers have faced the adversity and have made an impressive start. After starting the season off slow, the Lady Tigers have turned it up a notch winning six out of their last nine to boost their record to 6-6.

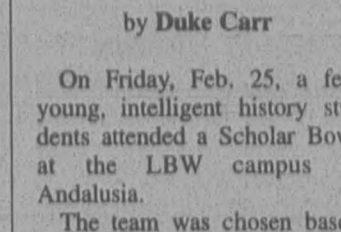
"We have improved greatly since the beginning of the season," said junior pitcher Stephanie Baxley. "We have had to work hard and improve better as a team. I think that all that hard work is beginning to show on and off the field."

First year head coach David Collins has been put to the task of coaching these young ladies.

After many years as an assistant, Coach Collins has risen to the task of continuing the Elba tradition.

"This is a rebuilding year because we are replacing seven starters from last year's team," said Coach Collins. "We had a rough start but we are now beginning to excel as a team. I think as the year progresses we will get better and better. The girls are working very hard and really seem to be adjusting to all related subjects. This year's team consisted of juniors Hunter McGuire, Duke Carr, LaShonda Cole and Dustin Rhoades.

The team answered questions based on history, music, literature, and many other subjects associated with history.



by Duke Carr



EHS VARSITY SOFTBALL...From Left to Right - (Kneeling) Ashley Carpenter, Kiwana Cole, Haley Stinson, Tesha Lee, Yolanda Reynolds, Krystan Parker, Guccie Hudson, Kristen Barnes; (Standing) Coach David Collins, Tiffany Crawford, Melanie Mularz, Brandy Caldwell, Whitney Lawford, Stephanie Baxley, Mallory Allen, Kayla Miller, Amanda Pope, Coach Ricky Carlie.

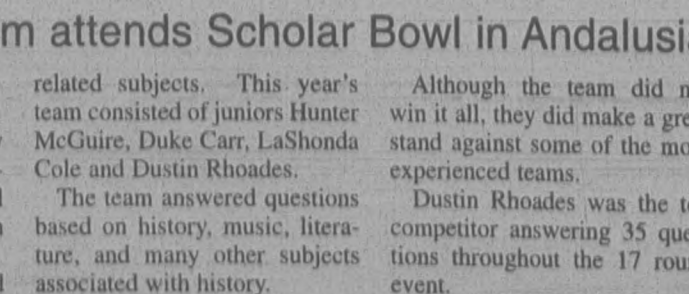


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the changes that have been thrown at them."

Along with the Varsity Tigers, the JV Tigers have been making some noise with three big wins over Strathmore and Kinston to move their record to 3-5.

The Lady Tigers have had their share of ups and downs, but all of their hard work seems to be paying off. If this continues the Lady Tigers will be a very impressive team to watch as the season goes on.



HISTORY TEAM... (from left): Dustin Rhoades, Duke Carr, LaShonda Cole and Hunter McGuire.

SCHOOLS

ZC FBLA gets ready for state conference

35 Zion Chapel students and seven adults have made preparations to attend the 2005 Alabama Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference which will be held in Birmingham on April 14-15, 2005.

There are two ways that a student is allowed to attend a State Conference of FBLA. They can be a Region competitor or a Region Attendee. Almost 40 Zion Chapel FBLA members attended the South Region Conference which was held in Enterprise on Feb. 28. The South Region is made up of two districts, III and IV, which cover the southern third of the state. The South Region includes schools from Phenix City, to Montgomery, to Mobile. In FBLA there are no divisions based on school size. The smallest schools to the largest schools compete against each other.

A Region finalist is a member who is among the top six scores in a competition. All Region finalists earn the right to compete against finalists in the Central Region and the North Region.

Zion Chapel's Region Finalists were Heather Sanders - Accounting, I; Michael Sneed and William McCurdy - Business Math; Shea Manning - Business Communications; Roy King - Future Business Leader; Clint Rhodes - Introduction to Business; Jon Fuller and Harry White - Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Rosanna Johnson, Ken Flowers, Jackie Cowart, Courtney Dykes, and Donna Flowers - Parliamentary Procedure; Tindol Long - Public Speaking; Jamie Wise - Technology Concepts; and, Sheena Hussey and Brittney Dismukes - Word Processing I.

The local chapter nominated Roy King for Who's Who in Alabama FBLA and D.J. Stinson submitted a multimedia presentation that will be judged for state.

Other than two competitors nine other FBLA members will be attending the Alabama State Conference. They will be accompanied by adviser, Rachel Bryan.

One student said that her math grade had gone from a 40 to a 67. Another said that her math grade had improved from a C to a B. Another of the students said that they had been able to maintain a B average but had found that maintaining that average had become easier.

All four of the students said that they were getting their homework done during Extended Day. They indicated that this was a marked improvement.

They also indicated that they were now able to leave their books at school unless they had a test for which they had to study.

Dance still holds first position as the favorite second-hour class.

Melanie Perry wins music scholarship

Melanie Perry, a junior, won a \$750 scholarship to Troy University by competing in a solo competition.

The scholarship will be put on hold until Melanie graduates from high school in May of 2006. It is a four-year renewable scholarship. A requirement of the scholarship is that Melanie becomes a member of Troy's "Sound of the South" Band.

Melanie competed against four other people all of whom were seniors. She plays the trumpet and her piece was "Petite Piece Concertante" which was written by a French composer for the trumpet.

Melanie is the daughter of Cherin and Roger Shaw and Mark and Jody Perry.

She has been a member of

the last year with Dr. James Zingara who is the professor of trumpet at Troy University.

Melanie has two older sisters who are graduates of Zion Chapel and a younger brother who is in the fourth grade.

Melanie is a member of Future Business of America, Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and the yearbook staff.

For questions regarding registration, call Jerry Barnes, principal, at 897-6275.

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REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Tindol Long competes at FCCLA Star Event

Tindol Long, a freshman, competed in the Illustrated Talk event at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference.

Illustrated Talk, which can be an individual or team event, recognizes participants who make an oral presentation about issues concerning Family and Consumer Sciences and how these issues can be addressed by FCCLA members. It should include a presentation that documents knowledge of subject matter.

The visuals could include posters, charts, slides, transparencies, presentation software, puppets or any other visual/prop that is considered appropriate.

Tindol's presentation was about "Stops Along the Character Highway."

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Juniors get t-shirts for ballgame

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The coaches for the juniors are DJ Stinson, Byron McWaters, Justin Thrash and Jetta Bush.

The seniors, sophomore, and freshmen have not yet chosen their coaches.

The juniors are ahead in another aspect of the proceedings—they already have their t-shirts which they will use as game shirts. The shirts are hot pink with blue and lime green polka dot letters that spell out The Juniors. The back of the t-shirts contains their year of graduation (06) and each individual's nickname.

Some of the nicknames include "Dazed and Confused," "Big and Little," "Mr. Perfect," "Powder," "Band Nazi," "Sister MaryKeri," "Capt. Morgan," "Spoiled Brat," and "Firewhiney."

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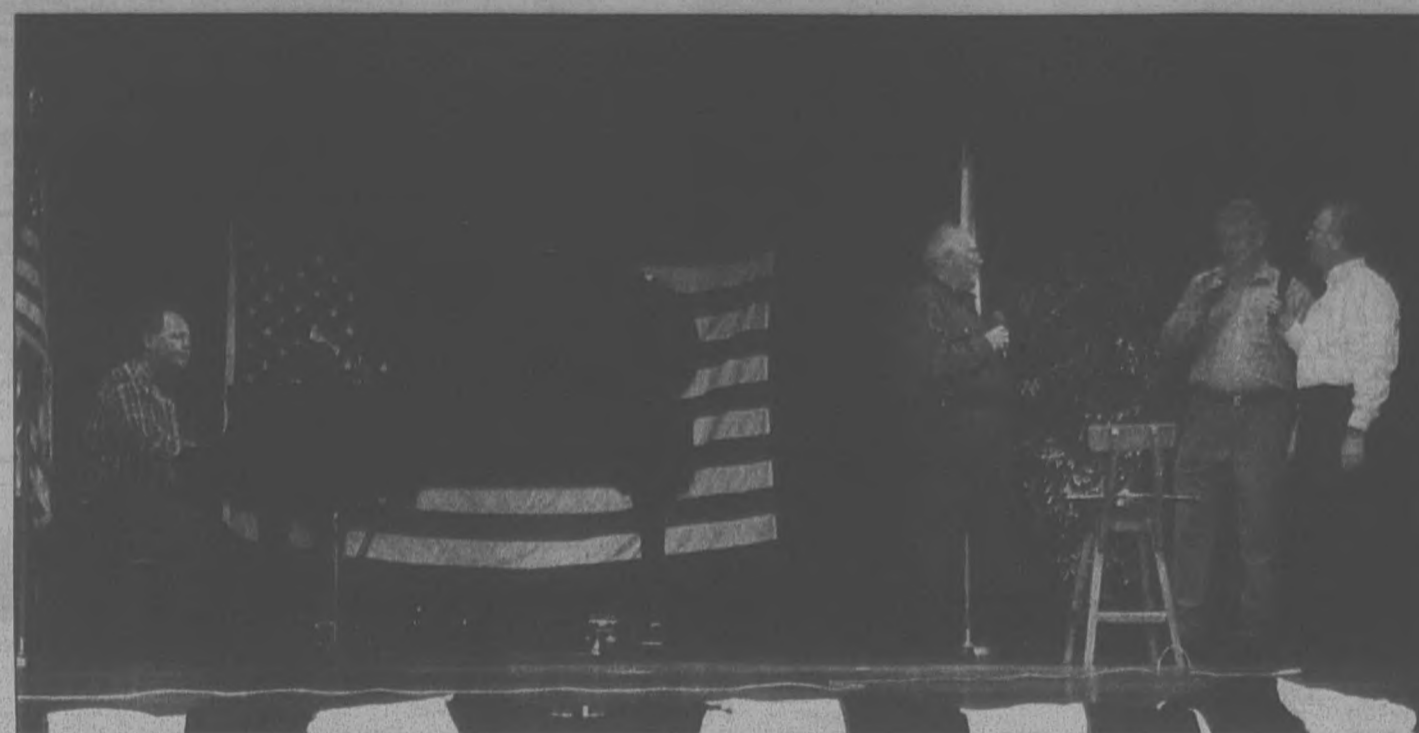
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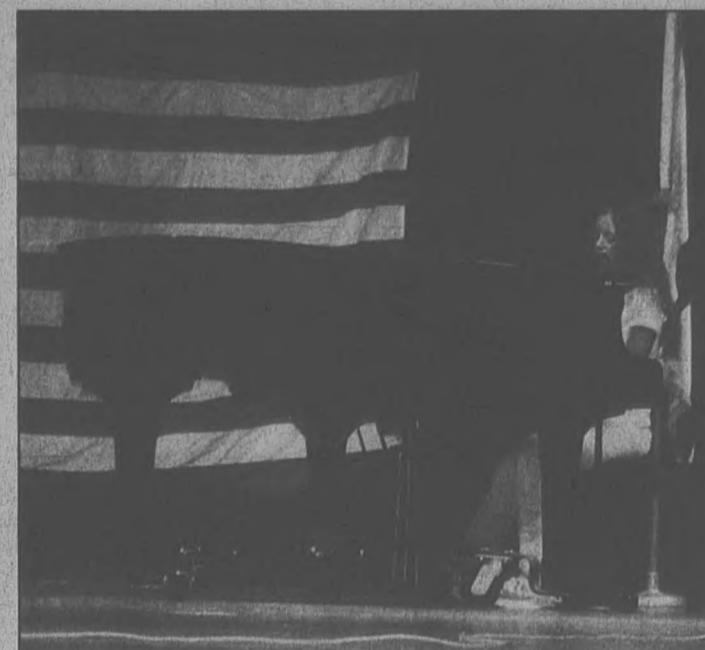
Additional scenes from "Montage of Music" sponsored by National Security's Relay for Life team...



The Foggy Bottom Boys entertained the crowd with a few of their favorite gospel tunes. The group consists of (from left) Mart Gray, Randy Bedsole, Galen McWaters and Jack E. Brunson.



Link Smith sang a couple of his favorite Marty Robbins' songs.



Danielle Gideon displayed multiple talents as she sang and played the piano. Above, she is shown singing and playing a gospel tune. Earlier in the evening, she wowed the crowd with her vocal abilities while singing a Mariah Carey song.



Even the "Man in Black" made an appearance for the worthy cause. The crowd was entertained by one of Johnny Cash's most popular songs, but a sneaky suspicion is that National Security employee Russ English got dressed up for the occasion and was lip-synching.

New books available at Elba Public Library to be checked out

Blackstock, Terri—Breaker's Reef
Copeland, Lori—Mother of Invention
Henderson, Dee—God's Gift
Lacy, Al—Wings of Riches
LaHaye, Tim—The Rising: Antichrist is Born Before They Were Left Behind
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Eisenberg, Arlene—What to Expect the Toddler Years
Johnson, Haynes, Bonner—The Best of Times: America in the Clinton Years
Kraft, Christopher—Flight: my Life in Mission Control
Merkoff, Heidi—Eisenberg—What to Expect the First Year
Stokes, Donald W.—Stokes Backyard Bird Book
Summers, Anthony—The Arrogance of Power: the Secret World of Richard Nixon
Spongerson, Charles—Spurgeon on Prayer & Spiritual Warfare



The Discland Cloggers displayed a talent for dance during the Montage of Music. There were many types of performances throughout the evening as participants danced, sang, played piano and lip-synched. All in all, it was deemed a successful event as all the proceeds from the admission fee will be donated by the National Security Relay for Life to help the American Cancer Society with it's goal of finding a cure for cancer.

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The Elba Band Boosters will be sponsoring the Miss Pea River Pageant on April 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The pageant will be held in the Elba High School auditorium and is open to girls ages 3-19 years old. Applications can be picked up at Tangles & Threads, Dairy Queen, Jerry's, Elba Elementary or Elba High School. For more information please contact Yvette Akridge at 897-0111.

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31st Annual PINEY WOODS Arts Festival

April 16-17, 2005
Saturday: 9:30 am - 5 pm
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Piney Woods Info 347-1249

- Children's Fun Center - Debbie Shelton - 347-5447
- Special Entertainment Saturday 11-Noon "Tales and Scales" instrumental musician troupe
Play performed in Multi-Purpose Room Sat 11-12 & 12:25-2:15
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- Weevil City Cruisers Car Show
Tom Hunt - 702-8130
- Civil War Display - Saturday & Sunday
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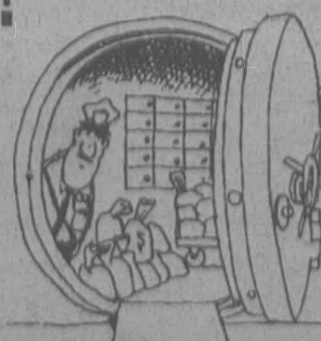
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COMMUNITY NEWS

2005 Miss Zion Chapel pageants set for Saturday night in Jack



Jasmine Smith
Future Little Miss contestant



Gracen Bright
Future Little Miss contestant



Summer Jinright
Future Little Miss contestant



Haleigh Dewberry
Future Little Miss contestant



Amber DeSandro
Future Little Miss contestant



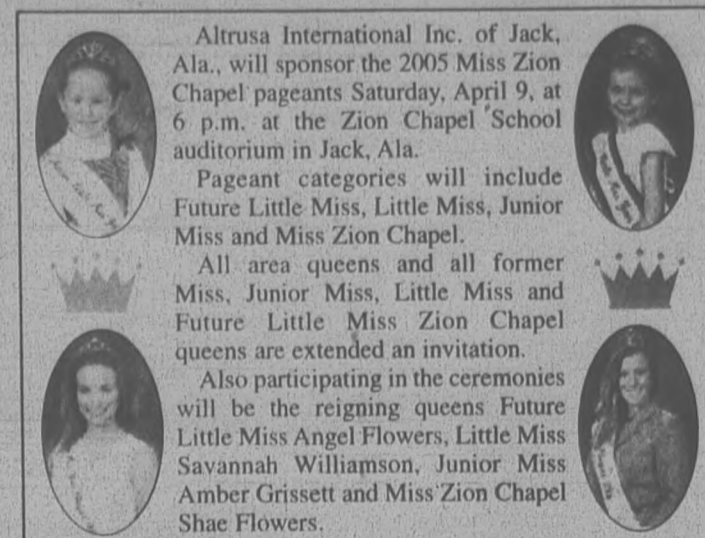
Sarah Bryson Prescott
Future Little Miss contestant



Kacey Snow
Future Little Miss contestant



Kinley Parker
Future Little Miss contestant



Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will sponsor the 2005 Miss Zion Chapel pageants Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Zion Chapel School auditorium in Jack, Ala. Pageant categories will include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel. All area queens and all former Miss, Junior Miss, Little Miss and Future Little Miss Zion Chapel queens are extended an invitation. Also participating in the ceremonies will be the reigning queens Future Little Miss Angel Flowers, Little Miss Savannah Williamson, Junior Miss Amber Grissett and Miss Zion Chapel Shae Flowers.



Claire Powell
Little Miss contestant



Hailey Finger
Little Miss contestant



Elizabeth Meads
Little Miss contestant



Kelli Grant
Little Miss contestant



Sadie Grantham
Little Miss contestant



Samantha Bryan
Junior Miss contestant



Alexis Messina
Junior Miss contestant



Caitlin Grissett
Junior Miss contestant



Melani Donnelly
Junior Miss contestant



Jessica Lee
Junior Miss contestant



Kirsten Collins
Junior Miss contestant



Summer Parker
Junior Miss contestant



Savannah Ballew
Junior Miss contestant



Torie Hodge
Junior Miss contestant



Andrea Fuller
Junior Miss contestant



Kayla Crook
Junior Miss contestant



Cali Crook
Junior Miss contestant



Alegria Ramos
Miss Zion Chapel contestant



Kenna Roberts
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Maegan Johnson
Miss Zion Chapel contestant

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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulars, Sports Editor

I went clothes shopping with our sixteen-year-old daughter over the weekend to help her find a dress, and even though it did take over an hour and I had to stand and wait as she tried on what seemed like every dress in the store, she did find a dress that we both liked in the first store we visited and I made it back home with a little money left in my pocket. One of her classmates and her Mom were also in the store shopping, and after I saw them head into the dressing room carrying several pairs of short-shorts, I breathed a sigh of relief that we were just there looking for a dress.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers closed out baseball action last week with a 7-7 record after posting a big area win over New Brockton and suffering a lopsided home loss to Straughn. The Tigers expected a hard time with their neighbors from across the county and had to score five runs in their final two at-bats to scratch and claw their way to a 7-2 win over the Gamecocks. Elba had managed only three hits in the opening five innings and had used two unearned runs to carry a 2-0 lead into the sixth, but then took advantage of three free passes and a key triple by LaRay Williams to break the game open. Any time the Tigers can post an area win it is great, and for them to get such a win over their arch-rivals had to make them feel even better! That good feeling didn't last for long, however, as Straughn came to town Tuesday and handed the Tigers a 14-0 whipping. Elba managed only one base runner in five innings in the lopsided loss and simply got taken to the woodshed on their home field. While Elba's 7-7 record isn't bad and may actually be better than many fans expected, the loss to Straughn was the third time this season the Tigers suffered an embarrassing defeat to an opponent. Back several weeks ago the Tigers were pounded by Rehoboth and Headland by a combined score of 39-1 in a double-header disaster, and when you add the loss last week to those numbers, it means that in three of Elba's losses the Tigers have been outscored 53-1. C'mon guys, you can lose with pride, too!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers continued to battle back from their 0-4 start and evened their record at 6-6 last week with a 5-2 win over Pleasant Home. The Lady Tigers were left scratching their heads after the slow start and many fans thought the season was already lost. However, the girls just kept working and have now won six out of their last eight games and once again appear to be the team to beat in their section. The Lady Tigers still need to improve on their hitting and also have to cut down on errors, but at least they now feel like they can win and have the season back headed in the right direction.

*** The Zion Chapel Rebels won the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament two weeks ago and used that to jump into the #5 spot in the Class 1A baseball standings. The Rebels got off to a slow start and a lot of fans and players were pointing fingers at each other and placing the blame on many things, but all that is now forgotten and all of the sudden the Rebels are back winning and everything is sunny. Zion Chapel has a very good baseball team with some very talented players. However, the Rebels will still stumble along the way and must learn from the losses like they do from the wins if they hope to threaten for a state title. The Rebels have the tools, now they must work hard and see what grows.

*** New Brockton's Coach Glenn Johnson jumped into the fire in his first season of coaching and led the New Brockton Gamecocks to their best basketball season in years, and now has taken the reins of the girls softball team and has the Lady Gamecocks slowly headed in the right direction. Coach Johnson was a standout player in slow-pitch softball and played with teams all across the nation, but had never paid any attention to fast-pitch until he began practice and has had to learn on the job with his players. The Lady Gamecocks don't have the best record around. However, they have improved by leaps and bounds in recent weeks and there is no doubt Coach Johnson has the girls headed in the right direction. I wonder if he thought his first year in coaching would be so much fun!

*** I missed a lot of games in my NCAA basketball pool over the past few weeks, but did hit the final two teams on the head as North Carolina and Illinois both won over the weekend to advance to the national finals. The Tarheels have been one of the nation's top teams all season long and are still learning the system of Coach Roy Williams, while Illinois has been #1 throughout the season and truly have one of the best college teams in many years. This year the best two teams made it to the finals.

*** The youth baseball and softball seasons opened this week in Elba and once again players and parents are in for a busy spring and summer. The Dixie Boys League (ages 13-14) will play double-headers every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Legion Field, while in the month of April the Dixie Minor (ages 9-10) and Dixie Youth (ages 11-12) teams will be in action here in Elba four nights a week. The three fields over at Hawkins Williams Park will also be busy three nights a week with baseball and softball action, which means for the next ten weeks no one in Elba can say there is nothing to do in our little town. See 'ya at the parks, and remember, always let 'em hear you cheer!

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Up area record to 2-1

Tigers rally past 'Brockton 7-2

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late last Tuesday afternoon to claim an important 7-2 area win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 7-6, 2-1 in area play, while the Gamecocks saw their record slip to 5-6, 1-2 in area play.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when LaRay Williams reached on an error to open the game, moved to second on a single by Marquize Tyson and then raced home on a Gamecock error in left field on a ball hit by Clark Skinner.

Elba managed only two hits over the next three innings and carried the slim 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth, where the Gamecocks used a solo home-run by Heath Parker to tie the game at 1-1 after four innings.

The Tigers regained the lead at 2-1 in the top of the fifth when LaRay Williams drew a one-out walk, stole second, moved to third on a fielder's choice and then trotted home on yet another New Brockton error.

The sixth inning was the big inning of afternoon for Elba as the Tigers plated three runs on just one hit and upped their lead to 5-1. One out walks to Ryan Gibbs and Steven Driggers put runners on base in the sixth inning eruption, while Aaron Harrelson was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Gibbs scored on a sacrifice fly by Brad Sullivan to give the Tigers a 3-1 advantage, and LaRay Williams followed with a two-run triple as Elba jumped ahead 5-1 to take command.

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Elba Tiger LaRay Williams takes a big lead off second base during a recent Elba win. Williams scored 2 runs and drove in 2 runs last week to help the Tigers get past the New Brockton Gamecocks in a key area contest, in New Brockton.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

* BASEBALL *
Luverne at Elba (5:00)

* SOFTBALL *
Pleasant Home at Elba (JV-V) 4:00
Highland Home at New Brockton (V) 4:00

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

* SOFTBALL *
Kinston, in Andalusia Spring Fling

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

* SOFTBALL *
Kinston, in Andalusia Spring Fling

MONDAY, APRIL 11

* BASEBALL *
Geneva County at Elba (5:00)

* SOFTBALL *
Kinston at Samson (V) 5:00
Luverne at New Brockton (V) 4:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

* BASEBALL *
Elba at Straughn (4:00)

* SOFTBALL *
Elba at New Brockton (V) 4:00
Kinston at Florala (V) 4:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

* BASEBALL *
Elba at Samson (6:00)

* SOFTBALL *
Highland Home at Elba (V) 4:00
Kinston at Arton (V) 4:00

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Zion Chapel's Josh Smith takes a lead off first base in a recent Rebel win. The Rebels moved into the state 1A poll last week at #5 after a mid-season surge.

Zion Chapel Rebels ranked 5th in state in Class 1A baseball poll

(10th); Class 2A - G.W. Long (3rd) and Geneva County (10th); (Softball) Class 4A - Andalusia (10th); and Class 1A - Arton (10th).

The Rebels, which recently won the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament, upped their win total to 12 games in action last week to make the big move into the state rankings. Other area teams ranked in last week's poll included: (Baseball) Class 6A - Enterprise

SPORTS

SCHEDULES

* TEE-BALL * COACH-PITCH *
* DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL *
* DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL *
* DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL *
* DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL *
* DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL *

* BASEBALL *

TEE-BALL BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Park, Field #3)

Thursday, April 7
6:00 - Athletics vs. Angels
Monday, April 11
6:00 - Angels vs. Athletics

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Park, Field #1)

Thursday, April 7
6:00 - Giants vs. Cubs
Tuesday, April 12
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Giants

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Thursday, April 7
In Elba,
6:00 - Marlins vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
6:00 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, April 8
In Elba,
6:00 - Reds vs. S Blue
In Zion Chapel,
6:00 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray

Monday, April 11
In Elba,
6:00 - Reds vs. Kinston
In Zion Chapel,
6:00 - ZC Reds vs. NB Cardinal

Tuesday, April 12
In Elba,
6:00 - Marlins vs. NB Gray
In Samson,
6:00 - S Blue vs. NB Cardinal

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Thursday, April 7
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, April 8
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, April 11
In Elba,
7:30 (F1) - Jammers vs. NB Gray
7:30 (F2) - Blues vs. NB Cardinal

Tuesday, April 12
In Elba,
7:30 (F1) - ZC Red vs. Kinston
7:30 (F2) - ZC Gray vs. NB Cardinal

Thursday, April 14
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, April 15
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, April 18
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, April 19
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, April 20
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Thursday, April 21
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, April 22
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, April 25
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, April 26
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, April 27
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Thursday, April 28
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, April 29
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, May 2
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, May 3
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, May 4
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Thursday, May 5
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, May 6
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, May 9
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, May 10
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, May 11
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Thursday, May 12
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, May 13
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, May 16
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, May 17
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, May 18
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
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Thursday, May 19
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Friday, May 20
In Zion Chapel,
7:30 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray
In Kinston,
7:30 - Kinston vs. NB Cardinal

Monday, May 23
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Tuesday, May 24
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Wednesday, May 25
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
7:30 - S Gold vs. Kinston

Thursday, May 26
In Elba,
7:30 - Elba vs. ZC Gray
In Samson,
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Lady Tigers even record with 5-2 win over Lady Eagles

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Pleasant Home last Monday afternoon and evened their record at 6-6 with an impressive 5-2 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

The Lady Tigers managed only one hit in the opening two innings and were tied at 0-0 heading into the top of the third, but came to life in their third trip to the plate and combined one walk and two Eagle errors to grab a 2-0 lead.

Kristen Barnes led off the inning with a walk and moved to third on an error off the bat of Yoyo Reynolds, while both runners scored home when the top of the sixth, but could get no closer as Elba held on and posted the last 5-2 road win.

Yoyo Reynolds had 1 hit, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Madison Mulholland and Stephanie Baxley added one hit, apiece, and Kristen Barnes scored 2 runs. Baxley got the win on the rubber as she allowed two runs (one earned run) on four hits, while striking out 13 batters.

Bird owners warned of illness found in pet store cockatiels

The Department of Agriculture and Industries has issued an advisory on the investigation of positive test results for Psittacosis, a respiratory disease, in cockatiels at an Alabama pet store. On March 11, 2005, five cockatiels were shipped from Texas to Alabama. One bird appeared sick after arrival and was taken to a veterinarian. The bird was tested and on March 24th the results came back positive for Psittacosis in one bird. On March 25th, the pet store began a 45-day quarantine of the birds. All of the birds are being treated for the disease and have responded well.

"It appears to be an isolated incident at one store, but we are still taking precautionary measures," stated Commissioner Ron Sparks. "I have discussed this situation with Dr. Thomas Eddling, the National Director for PETCO Veterinary Medicine and our state veterinarians are staying in a constant with the pet store management, regional management, and the supplier of the birds."

The pet store has been fully cooperating with the Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Department of Public Health to ensure containment of the disease. The pet store will be contacting those people who purchased birds since March 11th.

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STRETCHING FOR AN OUT... The Kinston Bulldog first-baseman stretches and stays on the base in recent Bulldog baseball action.

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*** BASEBALL ***

Kinston Bulldogs outscore Eagles 13-6

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Pleasant Home last Tuesday afternoon and posted a wild 13-6 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Keith Tew had 4 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Garret Parker had 3 hits and knocked in 4 runs. Cole Meeks got the win on the mound as struck out seven batters and allowed only one walk. Avery King had 3 hits to lead the Eagles.

*** SOFTBALL ***

Zion Chapel Blanked by Purple Cats 11-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one base runner in five innings last Tuesday afternoon in a 11-0 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Arton's Jessica Peters pitched a no-hitter and struck out 10 batters in getting the win, with the only Lady Rebel to get on base coming on a hit batter in the first inning. Chelsie McLendon had 2 hits to lead Arton at the plate.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs fall to Arton 13-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs managed only two base runners in five innings last Tuesday afternoon in a 13-0 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Arton's Lexi Phillips tossed a no-hitter for the Cats and struck out 15 batters, while walking two. Cierra McLendon and Jessica Peters both had 2 hits to lead Arton at the plate.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents... March's Business of the Month Jerry's

Jerry and Debbie Huggins, owners and operators, opened Jerry's on February 2, 2004.

The restaurant offers a wide menu variety with a relaxed atmosphere. Huggins said there are currently 14 people employed at Jerry's which is open Monday through Saturday. The cooking hours are 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

"Menu changes occur every three months," Huggins said. "Be sure to check for new menu items."

He also said plans are underway to enlarge Jerry's adding a completely separate smoking and lounge area.

Jerry and Debbie, along with their staff, thank all their patrons for the overwhelming support during this past year and look forward to serving everyone for years to come.

"Again, we would like to say thanks to all our customers for their support," Huggins said.



Restaurant owner Jerry Huggins (shown above) said Jerry's is a customer oriented business. He said the main objective of the staff of Jerry's is to always strive to please the customer.

Donna Bragg is winner of March McKinley Award at Troy University.

Donna Bragg, Datatel specialist in the Records Department, is the winner of the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for March at Troy University.

Bragg, who has been a member of the TROY staff since 1995, received the award during a ceremony held recently in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Bragg, who was nominated by Tamara Jones, associate registrar in the Records Office.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy

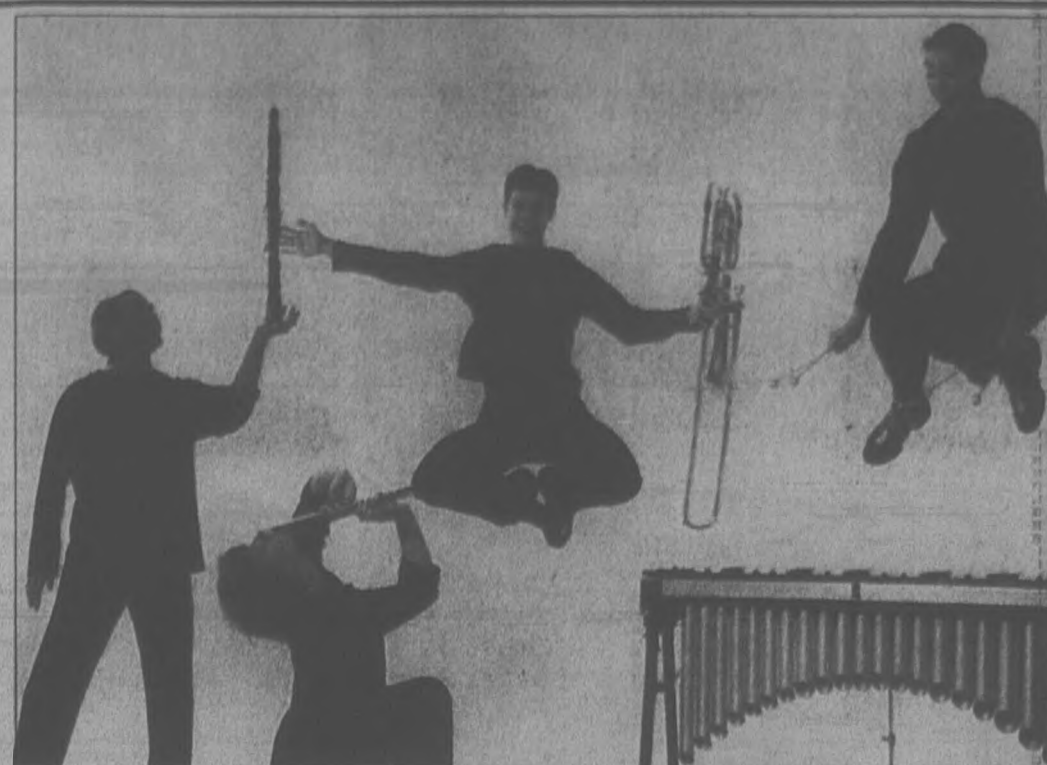
University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the university's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Jones pointed to Bragg's knowledge of her job and willingness

to help others.

"Donna is never too busy to help anyone who comes her way from staff and faculty and most of all students," said Jones. "I feel that Donna Bragg exemplifies what the McKinley Award stands for and she would represent it and Troy University to the highest standards. I am excited to have her as a member of my staff."

Bragg, a resident of Elba, said she was honored to receive the award and the team concept exhibited by the Records Office staff made for a wonderful work environment.



Tales and Scales to perform at Piney Woods Arts Festival April 16 & 17.

Piney Woods Arts Festival sponsored by Coffee County Arts Alliance will be held April 16th & 17th in Enterprise

The 31st Piney Woods Arts Festival will be April 16 & 17, 2005, on the grounds of Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Enterprise, AL from Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday Noon to 4 p.m. Original art, crafts, special displays, food and entertainment provide something for everyone.

This is a juried show, providing monetary awards, and attracts artists from throughout the Southeast. Additionally, art work by Junior High and Senior High students is featured on the grounds. EOCC art student's work will be displayed in the Conner Gallery. President Purchase Awards, from past Piney Woods Arts Festivals may be seen in the foyer of the gym.

Saturday, "Tales and Scales," an instrumental musician troupe, will perform stories for children (told through music, theater, dance and imagination). "Tales and Scales" is the nation's only "musictelling" ensemble. Since 1986 the troupe of four instrumental musicians has worked with the brightest

emerging composers, writers and theater directors to create innovative new works each year in their mission to ignite the imaginations of children and family audiences. The "Tales & Scales" troupe will present ARABIAN KNIGHTS at 1:25 p.m. at the outside entertainment area.

The Children's Fun Center will delight children with "Moon Walk," face painting, and carnival games. Bonnie Holland, Alabama botanical artist and master gardener will conduct three free workshops in the gymnasium on pressing and preserving flowers, and on making notecards. The Saturday classes are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on preserving flowers and attendees are asked to bring flowers. The Sunday 2 p.m. class will be on making notecards and preserved flowers will be provided. Reservations are necessary for the 15 places in each class. Call 347-2000 or 393-2797.

A Civil War Living History Display will be on the Piney

Woods grounds. Reenactors from the 15th Alabama Infantry, Company B, Confederate States of America/1st Battalion 15th U.S. Infantry Company B, Federal, will be in uniform in a camp area with tents set up to share the history of that era. Commissioners were presented Monday with a request to approve a resolution that would commit the county to its grant match funds of \$48,825 for the project, as well as, a resolution that would allow the chairman to sign all related project documents.

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Coffee County Commissioners reach gridlock vote for Zion Chapel Senior Center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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With those skylights broken, Ingram said she feels sure the entire gym floor will eventually have to be replaced.

"We're still finding more and more things," she said. "There's a lot of damage there."

Ingram said the school complex has broken windows, damage to covered walkways, vinyl siding, window screens. There was also damage to various miscellaneous items.

On Thursday evening, board members to approve a motion allowing her to solicit bids for the shingled roofs at the complex. Her request was approved by a unanimous vote.

This air conditioning duct at Zion Chapel School tells the story of the beating the area took from a recent hail storm. The school complex received excessive structural damage from large hail.

Commissioner Linda

Westbrook represents that portion of the county, and she said the proposed center will be identical to the Ino, Pine Level and Damascus.

While discussing the center, Westbrook made mention to the rising cost of metal which might effect the overall cost of the new center somewhat.

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